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AN ACT to designate a tract of public land in Hickman County as
the "Starks/Pope Wildlife Area".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to designate wildlife areas in honor of those outstanding citizens whose exemplary lives have redounded to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the late William "Bill" Pope was one such person, who served with probity as a game warden in Hickman County for 25 remarkable years, prior to his retirement in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope was born in Decatur County on January 12, 1923, and later served his country with valor during World War II as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious career with the Tennessee Game and Fish Department as a game warden on January 1, 1954; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his unflagging dedication to preserving and protecting this state's natural resources, Bill Pope quickly distinguished himself in establishing Hickman County as the first county in Tennessee to have more than 1000 deer harvested; and

WHEREAS, widely respected and admired by the good people of Hickman County, Mr. Pope was known for his hard work and fair treatment of others; he also contributed his time and immeasurable talents to youth athletic leagues, civic organizations and his Church; and

WHEREAS, although Bill Pope departed this Earth in 1984 for a far greater existence, his legacy of dedication and kindness to others is one that will not soon be duplicated; and

WHEREAS, a tract of land owned for many years by the Starks family, and subsequently donated by that highly respected family to Middle Tennessee State University, has recently been purchased by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the good people of Hickman County to create a lasting tribute to the memory of the Starks family and Mr. William "Bill Pope," both of whom gave so generously of their time and resources for the betterment of all; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the public land located in Hickman County, and recently acquired by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, is hereby designated as the "Starks/Pope Wildlife Area," in honor of these distinguished Tennesseans.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such area as the "Starks/Pope Wildlife Area".